



WHAT'S NEW IN MA STATE PARK CAMPING JANUARY 2008

New – Yurts at Wells State Park!

We are pleased to announce that by late summer 2008, Wells State Park in Sturbridge will offer yurt camping. Yurt camping is a fun way to enjoy the outdoors with a few comforts of home. Yurts are canvas sided, cabin-like structures that can accommodate 4 to 6 people. Yurts offer bunk beds, chairs and tables. Linens and eating utensils are not provided. Access to electricity and water is also provided.

Customers may also enjoy yurt camping at Nickerson State Park in Brewster, Shawme-Crowell State Forest in Sandwich, Otter River State Forest in Baldwinville, and October Mountain State Forest in Lee.

Customers to See Improvements to Campgrounds in 2008

DCR is delighted to announce that we have secured funding for infrastructure improvements at 3 popular campgrounds. When making your 2008 camping reservation, please be aware of the revised opening dates, due to construction at:

Nickerson State Park in Brewster, MA

Due to the replacement of both the electrical and water systems, some areas will be closed in the spring and early summer. Areas 1 – 5 will open on June 13, 2008. Areas 6, 6x and 7 will open on July 25, 2008. For further information and updates about this exciting project, please visit <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/campInfo/nickerson08.htm>. To make a reservation, contact ReserveAmerica at 877-422-6762 or online at www.reserveamerica.com.

Horseneck Beach State Reservation in Westport Point, MA

To accommodate electric line repairs in spring 2008, Horseneck will offer walk-in camping only between May 2 and June 19, 2008. Reservations may be made for dates of June 20 – October 12, 2008. Contact ReserveAmerica for the most up-to-date information or to make a reservation at 877-422-6762 or online at www.reserveamerica.com.

Otter River State Forest in Baldwinville, MA

Due to a water system upgrade, the campground will be open for weekend camping only after Sunday August 31, 2008. Customers may make a reservation for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only between September 1 and October 18, 2008. Contact ReserveAmerica for the most up-to-date information or to make a reservation at 877-422-6762 or online at www.reserveamerica.com.

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Hike-In Camping Only at Mt. Greylock State Reservation

In 2007, DCR began the rehabilitation of the Mt. Greylock State Reservation's 13.7 mile historic parkway system. The project addresses the safety, recreation, conservation and historic landscape preservation issues of the parkway system on Mt. Greylock.

Camping is now a hike-in only experience. Access is through the Hopper Road trailhead parking lot only. Plan to arrive by 2 p.m. to allow enough time for the 2½ -mile strenuous hike to the campground. Customers must bring their own water supply or filtration system. Contact ReserveAmerica for the most up-to-date information or to make a reservation at 877-422-6762 or online at www.reserveamerica.com.

Pets Prohibited from Cabin and Yurt Camping

In 2007, the cabins at Mohawk Trail no longer allowed pets. This program change was due to repeated damage to the cabin furniture by pets, complaints from customers allergic to pet hair or dander, and unattended pets left in cabins. Pets are not permitted in cabins or yurts across the MA State Park campground system, nor are they allowed on Boston Harbor Islands. DCR appreciates the value of camping with a family pet. With only a few exceptions, camping with pets continues to be available at campsites throughout the MA State Park campground system. To make a reservation for a cabin, yurt, or any campsite, contact ReserveAmerica at 877-422-6762 or online at www.reserveamerica.com.

We look forward to serving you in 2008!

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